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 SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON NK INVITATION TO US
 CONGRESSMEN

1. PARA 2 BELOW CONTAINS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED IN
 RESPONSE TO QUESTION TAKEN AT THE DEPARTMENT'S NOON
 BRIEFING SESSION, JUNE 25. THE GUIDANCE WAS MADE
 AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS ON JUNE 26.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

Q: WHAT'S THE REACTION TO KIM IL-SUNG'S INVITATION TO
 MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS TO VISIT NORTH KOREA?

A: THERE HAVE BEEN NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRAVEL OF
 AMERICAN CITIZENS TO NORTH KOREA SINCE 1978. WE KNOW OF
 NO PLANS FOR TRAVEL TO NORTH KOREA BY MEMBERS OF
 CONGRESS. SUCH TRAVEL WOULD BE IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY AND
 NOT ON BEHALF OF THE USG.

AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL USG-NORTH KOREAN
 CONTACTS. WE HAVE STATED MANY TIMES THAT WE BELIEVE A
 SOLUTION TO KOREAN ISSUES MUST BE FOUND THROUGH DIRECT
 NORTH-SOUTH DISCUSSIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS FREQUENTLY
 NOTED ITS DESIRE FOR A REDUCTION OF TENSIONS ON THE
 KOREAN PENINSULA AND HAS PROPOSED MANY STEPS TO PYONGYANG
 IN THAT REGARD. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THOSE
 PROPOSALS. PROPOSALS FOR REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES, MAIL
 AND TELEPHONE CONTACTS, AND MEASURES TO REDUCE MILITARY
 TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA ARE AMONG THOSE MADE BY THE
 REPUBLIC OF KOREA OR THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND, OF WHICH
 US FORCES ARE A PART, AND IGNORED BY PYONGYANG.

END TEXT. SHULTZ
 END OF MESSAGE

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